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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1988 - 100% of the Year

JUNE 1988

CATEGORY	ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	FUNDS REVERTED	TOTAL AVAILABLE	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS DISBURSED/ENCUM
AFDC	$12,945,000	$ 0	$1,154,000	$43,936	$11,747,064	$11,747,064	$ 0	100.0%
General Assistance	1,993,900	0	365,000[1]	5,878	1,623,022	1,623,022	0	100.0%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	0	0	0	217,000	217,000	0	100.0%
SSI Supplementation	685,100	40,000[2]	0	1,901	723,199	723,199	0	100.0%
TOTAL	$15,841,000	$40,000	$1,519,000	$51,715	$14,310,285	$14,310,285	$ 0	100.0%

Source: Statement of Appropriation and Account Balances

RAMAC: FY - 1988

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[1] Includes $48,000 transfer made in February 1988 and $40,000 transfer made in May 1988.

[2] Transfer made in May 1988.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1987	August	September	October	November	December
AFDC REGULAR:						
Payments	$1,986,225	$1,950,852	$1,939,068	$2,039,969	$2,007,555	$2,034,859
Cases	7,665	7,547	7,430	7,656	7,482	7,671
Children	13,600	13,454	13,196	13,573	13,339	13,625
Recipients	20,015	19,743	19,366	19,924	19,531	19,967
AFDC-UP:						
Payments	$11,952	$12,697	$12,398	$12,585	$12,603	$14,259
Cases	45	46	46	39	44	52
Children	99	104	107	92	96	113
Recipients	175	183	187	160	171	202
TOTAL AFDC:						
Payments	$1,998,177	$1,963,549	$1,951,466	$2,052,554	$2,020,158	$2,049,118
Cases	7,710	7,593	7,476	7,695	7,526	7,723
Children	13,699	13,558	13,303	13,665	13,435	13,738
Recipients	20,190	19,926	19,553	20,084	19,702	20,169
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$135,439	$130,329	$128,119	$138,542	$135,745	$138,354
Cases	1,116	1,073	1,057	1,124	1,079	1,120
Children	502	494	472	471	505	474
Recipients	1,402	1,365	1,303	1,371	1,360	1,378
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$30,865	$32,598	$34,164	$42,157	$35,320	$42,529
Cases	210	210	224	281	238	293
FOOD STAMPS:						
Payments	$1,259,202	$1,266,417	$1,238,418	$1,382,915	$1,419,543	$1,528,108
Cases	10,425	10,176	10,063	10,130	10,432	10,655
Recipients	28,147	27,474	27,171	27,355	28,165	28,767
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:						
Payments	$56,744	$56,906	$54,032	$57,999	$57,798	$58,365
Cases-Recipients	472	473	446	480	479	483
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:						
Payments	$1,441,401	$1,450,561	$1,413,428	$1,451,858	$1,459,104	$1,459,810
Cases-Recipients	7,401	7,427	7,393	7,441	7,500	7,506
TOTAL SSI:						
Payments	$1,498,145	$1,507,467	$1,467,460	$1,509,857	$1,516,902	$1,518,175
Cases-Recipients	7,486	7,513	7,461	7,531	7,593	7,597

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	January 1988	February	March	April	May	June
AFDC REGULAR:						
Payments	$2,007,985	$2,014,102	$2,012,959	$2,048,030	$2,013,541	$1,991,550
Cases	7,506	7,553	7,526	7,611	7,467	7,382
Children	13,303	13,366	13,401	13,376	13,202	13,023
Recipients	19,524	19,616	19,605	19,647	19,338	19,010
AFDC-UP:						
Payments	$14,832	$15,964	$17,053	$14,428	$12,674	$11,932
Cases	52	65	58	50	43	37
Children	113	134	133	117	101	81
Recipients	207	245	234	202	172	134
TOTAL AFDC:						
Payments	$2,022,817	$2,030,066	$2,030,012	$2,062,458	$2,026,215	$2,003,482
Cases	7,558	7,618	7,584	7,661	7,510	7,419
Children	13,416	13,500	13,534	13,493	13,303	13,104
Recipients	19,731	19,861	19,839	19,849	19,510	19,144
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$134,706	$141,337	$137,704	$137,684	$133,061	$133,549
Cases	1,077	1,134	1,104	1,097	1,067	1,096
Children	478	525	510	497	499	470
Recipients	1,346	1,450	1,396	1,372	1,334	1,314
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$29,987	$28,387	$26,985	$15,482	$17,342	$24,557
Cases	190	187	171	108	114	160
FOOD STAMPS:						
Payments	$1,509,263	$1,576,435	$1,644,285	$1,605,312	$1,576,685	$1,434,833
Cases	10,506	10,967	11,236	10,959	10,833	10,610
Recipients	28,365	29,609	30,341	29,590	29,250	28,649
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:						
Payments	$58,844	$59,340	$60,083	$59,660	$59,713	$60,733
Cases-Recipients	483	484	493	491	491	501
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:						
Payments	$1,529,913	$1,520,747	$1,521,128	$1,527,404	$1,528,574	$1,529,838
Cases-Recipients	7,528	7,518	7,502	7,517	7,550	7,546
TOTAL SSI:						
Payments	$1,588,757	$1,580,087	$1,581,211	$1,587,064	$1,588,287	$1,590,571
Cases-Recipients	7,614	7,607	7,596	7,617	7,651	7,648

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	June 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	June 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$24,046,695	$24,277,807	-1.0%
Cases	7,541	7,857	-4.0%
Payments/Case	$265.72	$257.50	3.2%
Children	13,372	13,922	-4.0%
Recipients	19,607	20,685	-5.2%
Payments/Recipient	$102.20	$97.81	4.5%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$163,377	$224,749	-27.3%
Cases	48	67	-28.2%
Payments/Case	$283.15	$278.84	1.5%
Children	108	157	-31.5%
Recipients	189	277	-31.6%
Payments/Recipient	$71.91	$67.61	6.4%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$24,210,072	$24,502,556	-1.2%
Cases	7,589	7,924	-4.2%
Payments/Case	$265.83	$257.68	3.2%
Children	13,479	14,079	-4.3%
Recipients	19,797	20,962	-5.6%
Payments/Recipient	$101.91	$97.41	4.6%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$1,624,569	$1,850,316	-12.2%
Cases	1,095	1,268	-13.6%
Payments/Case	$123.60	$121.57	1.7%
Children	491	541	-9.2%
Recipients	1,366	1,619	-15.6%
Payments/Recipient	$99.11	$95.22	4.1%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	June 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	June 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$360,373	$380,402 *	-5.3%
Cases	199	222	-10.4%
Payments/Case	$151.04	$142.58	5.9%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$17,441,416	$16,878,229	3.3%
Cases	10,583	11,171	-5.3%
Payments/Case	$137.34	$125.91	9.1%
Recipients	28,574	30,063	-5.0%
Payments/Recipient	$50.87	$46.79	8.7%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$700,217	$663,003	5.6%
Cases-Recipients	481	457	5.3%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$121.23	$120.90	0.3%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$17,833,766	$17,182,620	3.8%
Cases-Recipients	7,486	7,421	0.9%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$198.53	$192.96	2.9%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$18,533,983	$17,845,623	3.9%
Cases-Recipients	7,576	7,493	1.1%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$203.86	$198.46	2.7%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages.

* Reflects negative adjustment of $27,941 to reflect transfers of funds that were originally reported as program expenditures.

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY
JUNE 1988

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,382	4,351	1,637	1,394
	Recipients	19,010	11,113	4,346	3,551
AFDC-UP:	Cases	37	16	10	11
	Recipients	134	68	34	32
Total AFDC:	Cases	7,419	4,367	1,647	1,405
	Recipients	19,144	11,181	4,380	3,583
General Assistance:	Cases	1,096	662	223	211
	Recipients	1,314	785	264	265
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	160	124	17	19
Food Stamps:	Cases	10,610	6,357	2,470	1,783
	Recipients	28,649	17,165	6,669	4,815
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	501	267	72	162
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,546	4,070	1,550	1,926
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,648	4,124	1,567	1,957

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DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Planning, Research and Evaluation

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett

FROM: Steve Groff

DATE: September 30, 1988

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July 1987-June 1988.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES: STATE FISCAL YEAR 1988

Over $62 million in benefits, including Federal and State funding, were paid to Delaware public assistance recipients during SFY 1988. This represents a 1.2% increase ($713,287) from SFY 1987. Three of the five programs included in this report, however, experienced expenditure decreases.

A 12.2% decrease in General Assistance expenditures (totally State-funded) was the largest percentage decline among programs, representing a savings of $225,747. A 1.2% decrease in AFDC expenditures was associated with an additional $292,484 reduction in spending. Finally, Emergency Assistance expenditures decreased 5.3% ($20,029).

In contrast, SSI expenditures increased 3.9% ($688,360). Food Stamp expenditures also experienced an increase of 3.3% ($563,187).

The distribution of total (State and Federal) expenditures is shown in Figure 1. AFDC expenditures represented the largest share (39.0%) of total public assistance spending in SFY 1988. SSI expenditures (29.8%) slightly exceeded Food Stamp expenditures (28.0%). Spending on Emergency Assistance and General Assistance accounted for less than 5% of total expenditures.

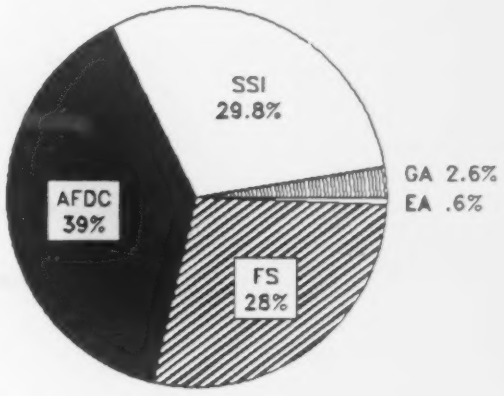
The Department disbursed $14.3 million in State funds during SFY 1988. This represents a 4.6% ($684,452) decrease from SFY 1987. State spending for the AFDC program decreased 4.1% ($495,919). This exceeds the total State and Federal reduction noted above due to an increase in the Federal Matching Rate from 50.0% to 51.9% in October 1987.

Emergency Assistance expenditures remained constant, while spending on the SSI Supplementation program increased 5.6% ($37,214).

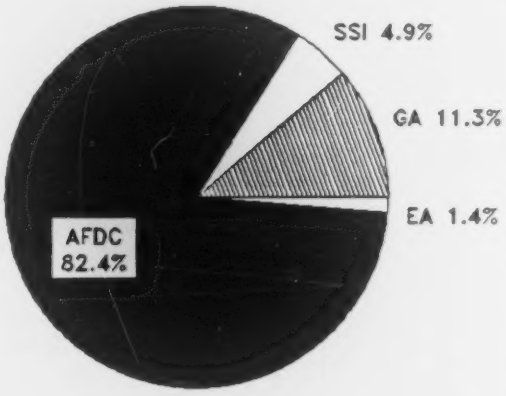
Figure 1

Distribution of Public Assistance Expenditures

State Fiscal Year 1988



Total Expenditures: $62.2 million



State Expenditures: $14.3 million

The distribution of State spending by program for SFY 1988 is also shown in Figure 1. AFDC expenditures constitute the majority (82.4%) of State public assistance dollars. Remaining State-funded programs -- General Assistance (11.3%), SSI Supplementation (4.9%), and Emergency Assistance (1.4%) -- together accounted for less than 20% of State expenditures.

AFDC PROGRAM

Total expenditures for the AFDC program continued to decline during SFY 1988, despite a 3% increase in benefit levels which became effective in October 1987. AFDC spending decreased 1.2% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988, resulting in total payments of $24.2 million. Moreover, total AFDC payments decreased 10.0% between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988 (Figure 2). During this period, four (4) benefit increases were introduced.

Expenditure decreases can be attributed to sustained reductions in caseloads during this period (Figure 3). The average monthly number of cases decreased 19.0% from 9,364 cases in SFY 1984 to 7,589 cases in SFY 1988. This was accompanied by a 22.2% reduction in the average monthly number of recipients (from 25,454 to 19,797) during the same period. During the past year, alone, AFDC caseloads and recipients declined 4.2% and 5.6% respectively.

The number of adults in AFDC cases declined at a rate (8.2%) nearly double that of AFDC children (4.3%) between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988. However, the average number of children per case (1.8) remained constant.

Increasing benefit levels have resulted in corresponding increases in average grant amounts. The average monthly payment per case was $265.83 in SFY 1988 as compared to $239.48 in SFY 1984 -- an 11.0% increase. Similarly, the average monthly payment per recipient increased 15.7% (from $88.10 to $101.91) during the same period. Between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988, the average payment per case rose 3.2%, while the average payment per recipient increased 4.6%.

The AFDC-UP Program continued to experience substantial declines in SFY 1988. Expenditures of $163,377 represent a 27.3% decrease from SFY 1987 spending. Further, AFDC-UP payments decreased 82.3% between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988. As a result, AFDC-UP expenditures (3.4% of total AFDC payments in SFY 1984) now represent less than 1.0% of total AFDC spending.

Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988

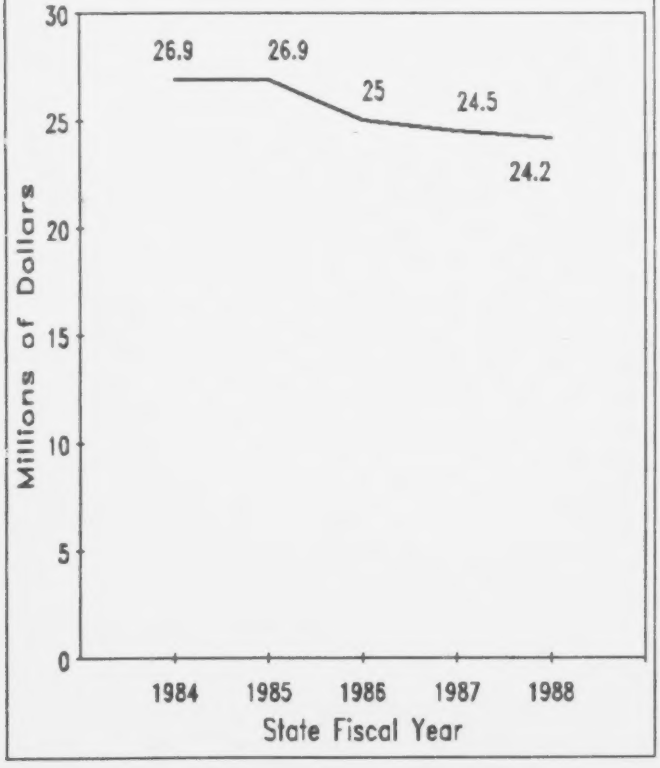


Figure 3

AFDC Participation

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988

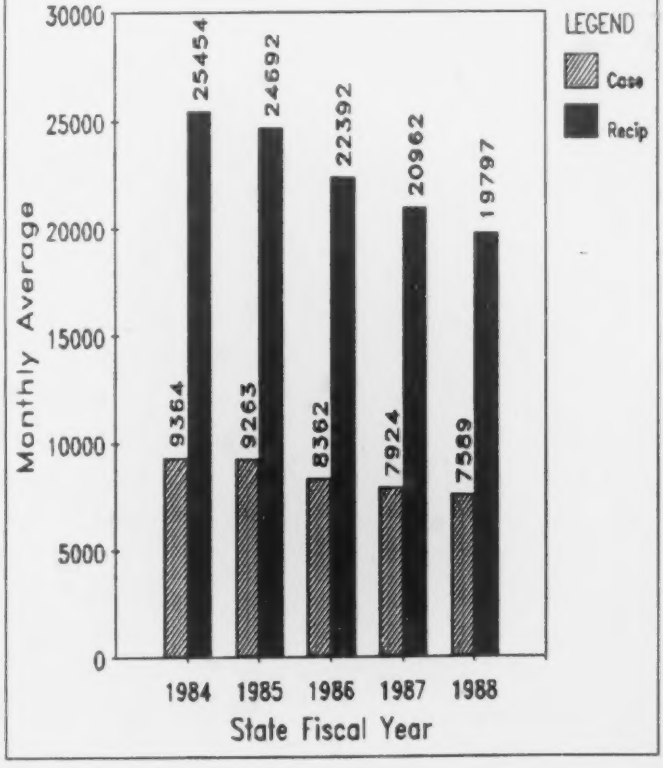


Figure 4

General Assistance Expenditures

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988

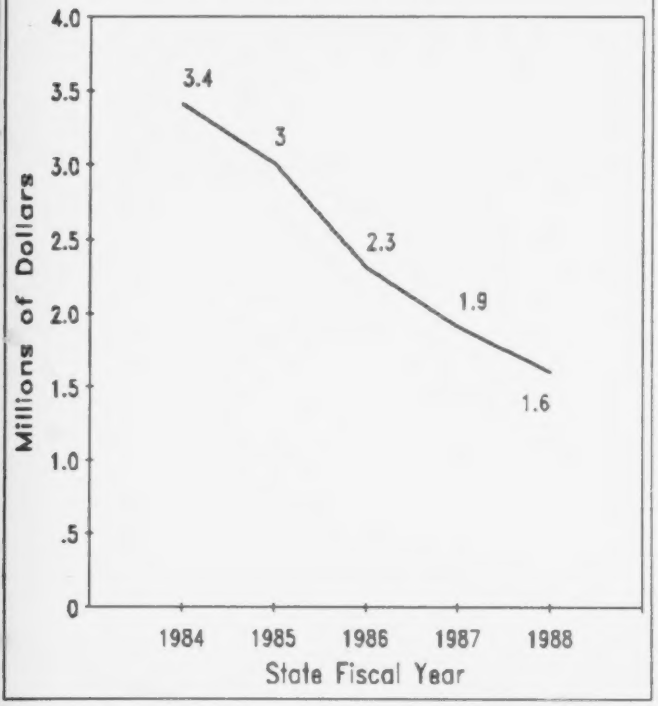
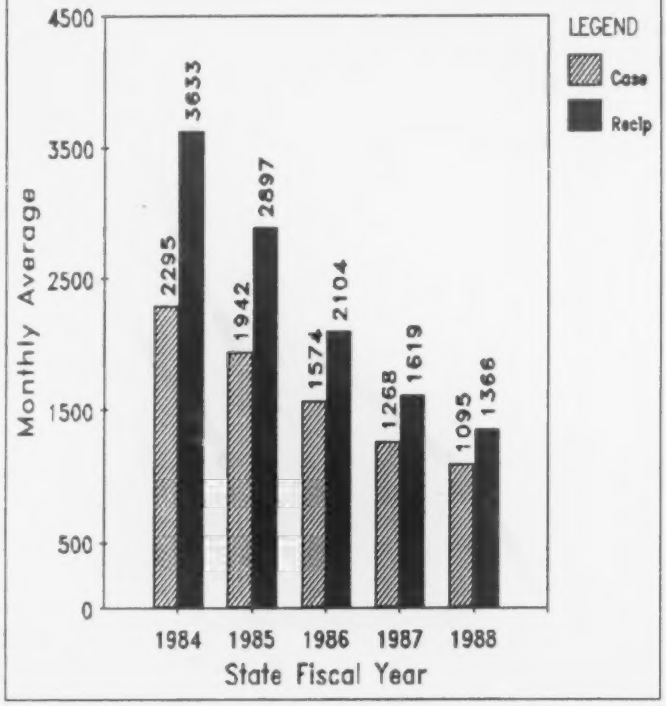


Figure 5

General Assistance Participation

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988



GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For the fourth consecutive year, the General Assistance Program exhibited a substantial reduction in expenditures. Total payments decreased 12.2% during SFY 1988, resulting in annual expenditures of $1.6 million. Moreover, GA spending has dropped by 52.7% since SFY 1984 (Figure 4).

A 3% increase in the benefit level, effective in October 1987, contributed to a 4.1% increase in the average payment per recipient between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988. Between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988, the average payment per recipient rose from $78.74 to $99.11 -- an increase of 25.9%. In contrast, the average payment per case decreased 0.8% during this same period. This can be attributed to a 21.2% decrease in the average number of recipients per case during this time.

Reductions in GA participation (Figure 5) are responsible for spending decreases noted above. Average monthly caseloads decreased 52.3% (from 2,295 to 1,095) between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988. During the same period, the average monthly number of recipients decreased from 3,633 to 1,366 (62.4%). Between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988, the average monthly number of cases declined 1.7%, while the average monthly number of recipients decreased 4.1%.

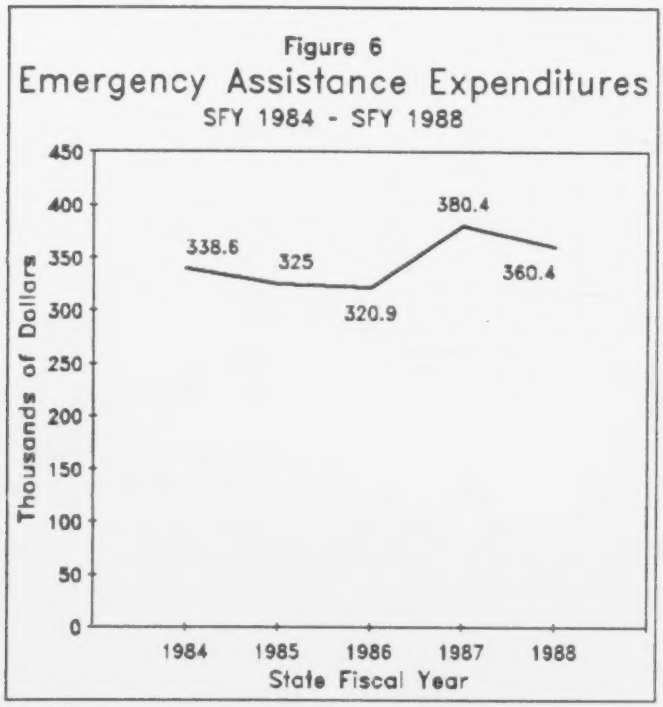
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Following an 18.6% increase in SFY 1987, Emergency Assistance expenditures decreased 5.3% in SFY 1988, resulting in total payments of $360,373. As a result, SFY 1988 spending was 6.4% higher than that experienced in SFY 1984 (Figure 6).

In addition, the total number of Emergency Assistance cases dropped 10.6% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988. An overall caseload reduction of 25.6% has occurred since SFY 1984 (Figure 7).

The average payment per case increased 5.9% during SFY 1988. However, the SFY 1988 average payment ($151.04) was 43.0% higher than the SFY 1984 average payment ($105.61) due to an increase in the maximum grant from $150 to $200 in SFY 1987.

Figure 6



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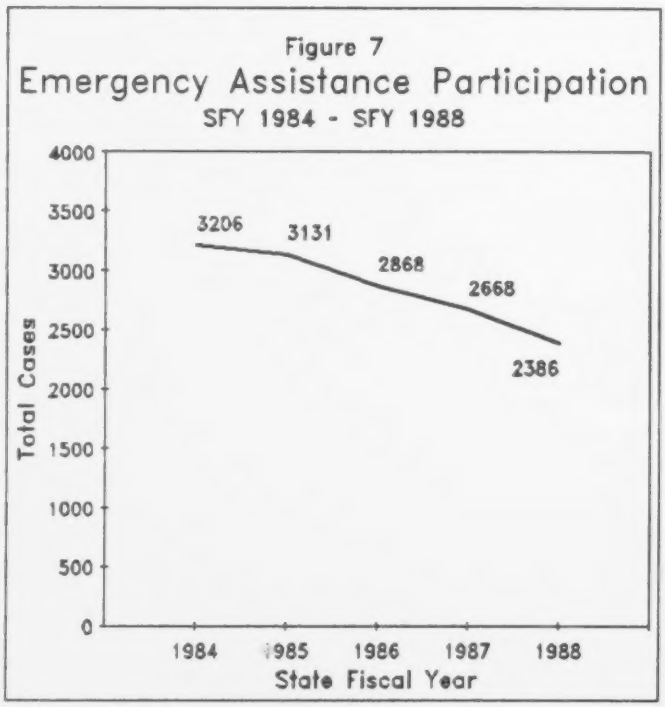


FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Food Stamp expenditures increased 3.3% during SFY 1988, resulting in total payments of $17.4 million. This represents the only Food Stamp spending increase since SFY 1984 (Figure 8) and can be attributed to a 7% increase in benefit levels which became effective in October 1987. However, expenditures remain 31.0% lower than in SFY 1984.

Figure 8

Food Stamp Expenditures

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988

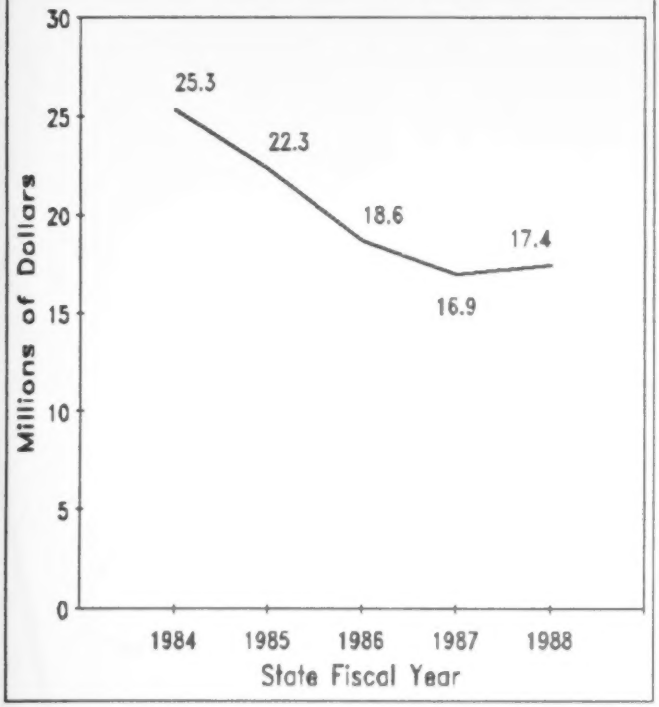
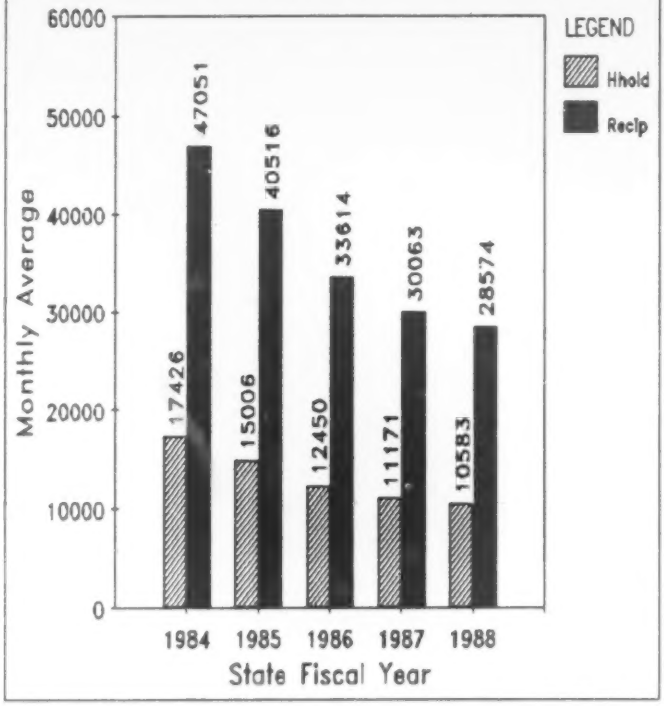


Figure 9

Food Stamp Participation

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988



Both the average monthly caseload (10,583) and the average monthly number of recipients (28,574) continued to decline, experiencing 39.3% reductions between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988 (Figure 9). Both participation measures decreased approximately 5.0% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988. Average case size has remained constant over the past five years at 2.7 recipients per household.

It should be noted that, in SFY 1988 alone, average Food Stamp payments increased at twice the rate experienced between SFY 1984 and SFY 1987. The average payment per recipient increased 8.7% (from $46.79 to 50.87) during the past year. Similarly, the average payment per household rose 9.1% (from $125.91 to $137.34). These increases can be attributed to the benefit increase in October.

SSI PROGRAM

Total SSI expenditures increased 3.9% during SFY 1988, resulting in payments of $18.5 million. Since SFY 1984, SSI spending has risen steadily, increasing 25.6%. The average monthly caseload increased 12.1% during the same period. The average monthly number of SSI cases increased 1.1% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988.

Figure 10

SSI State Supplementation Expenditures

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988

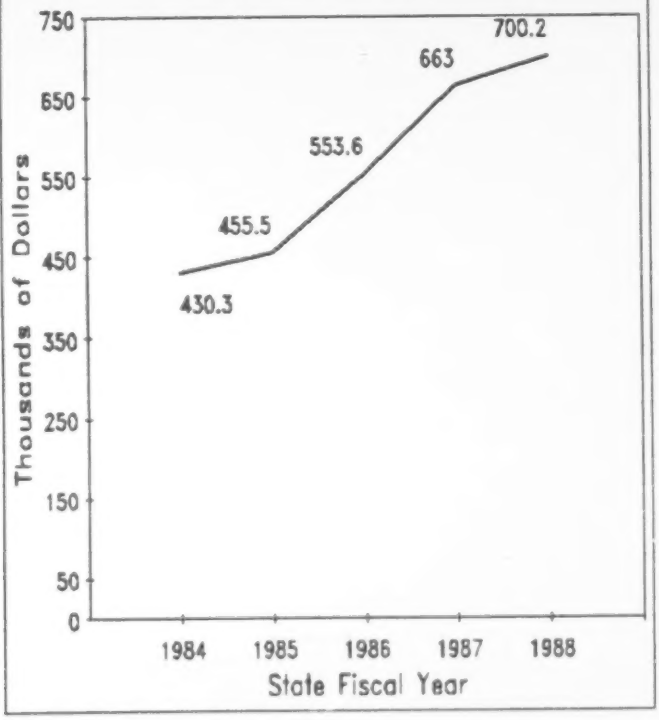
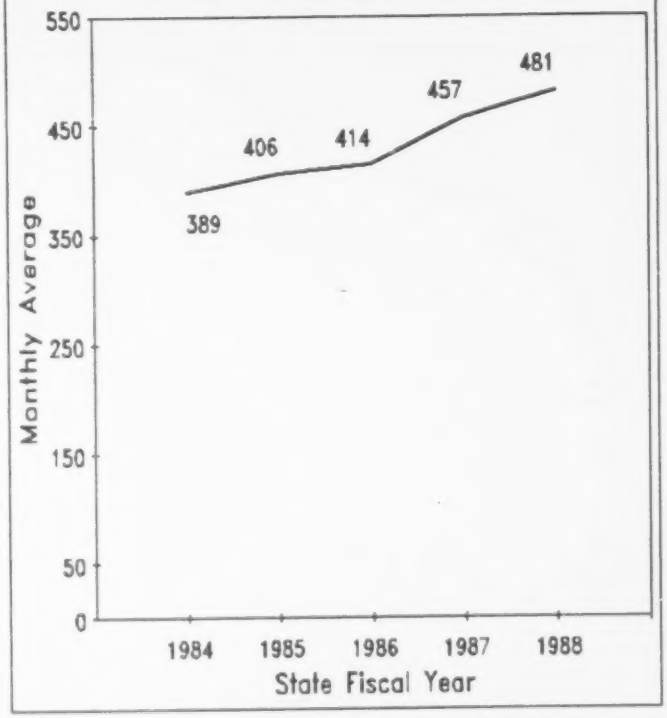


Figure 11

SSI State Supplementation Cases

SFY 1984 - SFY 1988



SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and paralleled total program trends noted above. The average number of recipients increased 0.9% during SFY 1988, while average payment per recipient rose 2.9% (reflecting a 4.2% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate effective in January 1988). As a result, total expenditures increased 3.8% to $17.8 million. Between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988, Federal SSI cases rose 11.7%, while Federal payments increase 24.5%.

Expenditures for the SSI State Supplementation program totaled $700,217 in SFY 1988, reflecting a 5.6% increase over the previous year. Moreover, State payments rose 62.7% between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988 (Figure 10). SFY 1988 increases are primarily the result of a 5.3% increase in the average monthly number of recipients; from 457 to 481 (Figure 11). However, rising expenditures in SFY 1986 and SFY 1987 were also associated with increases in the average payment level, including a State-mandated 25% increase in the optional supplement in SFY 1986. Average monthly payments remained stable at roughly $121 per recipient between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988.

Attachment